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- 1. ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KENNETH KAUNDA ARRIVED LISBON MAY 6 FOR THREE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT. KAUNDA, WITH FAMILY AND PARTY OF 50 ENROUTE FROM COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE IN JAMAICA, WAS MET AT AIRPORT BY GOP PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES, PRIME MINISTER VASCO GONCALVES, FOREIGN MINISTER MELO ANTUNES, AND OTHER GOP OFFICIALS.
- 2. AFTER TALKS WITH PRESIDENT, THE ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT RECEIVED DIPLOMATIC CORPS AT QUELUZ PALACE AND ATTENDED DINNER IN HIS HONOR HOSTED BY COSTA GOMES, PRIME MINISTER, AND SECRETARY-GENERALS OF FOUR COALITION PARTIES. IN COSTA GOMES' DINNER SPEECH, PRESIDENT PRAISED ZAMBIAN ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING CEASE-FIRE BETWEEN FRELIMO AND PORTUGAL AND KAUNDA'S ROLE IN ARRANGING LUSAKA ACCORD FOR MOZAMBIQUE AND ALVOR SUMMIT FOR ANGOLA.
- 3. EXTENSIVE TALKS BETWEEN ZAMBIAN DELEGATION AND GOP FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS INITIATED LATE AFTERNOON MAY 6. TALKS REPORTEDLY INCLUDED GOP FOREIGN POLICY ORIENTATION, MATTERS RELATING TO GATT AND LOME CONVENTION, AND POTENTIAL FINANCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. ALTHOUGH AN ACCORD WILL NOT BE SIGNED, A FINAL COMMUNIQUE IS EXPECTED.
- 4. MAY 7 KAUNDA PROGRAM TO INCLUDE VISIT TO LISBON CITY HALL, GULBENKIAN MUSEUM, AND TOUR OF SINTRA. PRIME MINISTER TO HOST LUNCHEON IN KAUNDA HONOR AND PRESIDENT SCHEDULED TO ATTEND OPERA IN HIS HONOR IN EVENING.
- 5. COMMENT: PRESS HAS MADE MAJOR EVENT OF KAUNDA VISIT. BOTH LISBON MORNING PAPERS POINTED OUT KAUNDA'S BYPASSING LONDON AND FACT HE IS SECOND BLACK AFRICAN LEADER TO VISIT PORTUGAL SINCE 1974 REVOLUTION.
- 6. (FYI: IN ATTEMPT TO GIVE IMPRESSION U.S. WAS SNUBBING KAUNDA, DIARIO DE NOTICIAS REPORTED THAT WHEN KAUNDA RECEIVED DIPLOMATIC CORPS, AMERICAN AMBASSADOR CHOSE TO BE REPRESENTED BY A MEMBER OF THE EMBASSY. "MEMBER" WAS, IN FACT, CHARGE. END FYI)

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7. LISBON HAS MADE MAJOR EFFORT TO ENSURE SUCCESSFUL VISIT. PET THEME OF FOREIGN MINISTER ANTUNES IS PORTUGAL'S SPECIAL ROLE WITH THIRD WORLD AND POTENTIAL AS INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN THIRD WORLD AND WEST. VISIT OF KAUNDA, ARCH ENEMY OF PREVIOUS REGIME DURING AFRICAN WARS, IS CLEARLY TO DELIGHT OF ANTUNES AND GOP. OKUN

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